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Dear Foy:

Under date of April 24, Ed Freers sent me two papers dealing with the possible military and non-military moves we might make in the event of obstruction to our access to Berlin. The only comment I have on them is that the evacuation of dependents is mentioned only in passing in discussing a possible break in diplomatic relations. It seems to me this step is an important one which is worthy of further consideration. It avoids the difficulties flowing from a break in relations and would make a most serious impression upon the Soviets. It would of course run the risk of making them think we were about to attack. If this action were taken I suspect a number of other countries would follow suit.

I might also mention that in my opinion the Soviets would be very much concerned if they thought they were going to be isolated from the principal western countries and I am inclined to believe that a break in relations would be taken more seriously than is indicated in the paper. Among other things the Soviets would be concerned at being cut off from foreign technology. The only important countries in this connection, in addition to ourselves, are Germany, France, Britain and Japan.

Best regards,

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